



Vision- A World Class School



Arbor Heights School Communicator November 1, 2011

Communication for Our Community from "Your Principal" and the Arbor Heights PTA

Dear Arbor Heights Families!
Welcome to our new **Arbor Heights School Communicator!**

We look forward to sharing with you school-related information, grade level news, and a calendar of future school and community events.

Please expect to see a bi-monthly newsletter brought to your home through *kid-mail* or if you prefer, we will send the newsletter electronically.

Please assist with our goal to send home regular communication by completing the Communication Preference form sent to families two weeks ago.

If you have suggestions for information you would like to see in the Arbor Heights School Communicator, please email Principal Collins at cacollins@seattleschools.com
Sincerely,

Christy Collins, Principal



Principal Coffee

Wednesday November 16 at 9:30 AM

and again, Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 PM

*Topic: Standards-based Progress Reports
In the library – refreshments provided!*

New Policy Regarding Attendance and Vacations Outside of School Breaks and/or Holidays

As of October 11, 2011, the Seattle Schools District has added a **New Attendance Reason – Unexcused Vacation/Trips.**

Family trips or vacations are now entered in eSIS as excused or unexcused. An unexcused absence reason for vacation has been added. **To be excused**, a trip or vacation needs to meet SPS criteria for being excused. **Educational trips may be excused** while family vacations for the most part would not be excused. To clarify the difference:

- 1) Just going to another city, country or out of state, if to visit family or friends and nothing else, would not be excused. Families sometimes arrange their vacations after school starts because airfare is usually cheaper. However, this does not meet criteria for an excused absence.
- 2) If the trip is to be considered educational, there has to be a plan in place for what the student will learn, what educational activities are to be accomplished, and how the student will report on his/her learning when he comes back. The plan could include language immersion (although this wouldn't be excused by itself), visits to historic or cultural sites, taking photographs and creating a report based on all of this that the student makes to the class or turns in to the teacher, or some other planned educational activity that the teacher and principal approve. The plan also should include how missed work will be made-up...not that school assignments would necessarily be taken along.
- 3) A trip for a wedding or other family event is not automatically excused. Neither is a trip for the holidays that gets extended because of the distance traveled.
- 4) At least five days of a trip for a funeral can be excused, but any part that would be added beyond this simply for a desire to visit family for a longer period of time may not be excused.

The school principal has the authority to determine if the vacation/trip meets the above criteria for an excused absence. For more information ask your school for a Truancy Brochure or go to the Truancy Website.



NOVEMBER

Nov 1

~PTA Board Meeting 7:00

Nov 7

~Veterans Day Assembly 9:30

Nov 10

~Arbor Heights PTA Auction

Nov 11

~No School ~ Veterans Day Holiday

Nov 14

~Monday Morning Meeting

Nov 15

~Picture Retake Day

Nov 21~23

~No School Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Nov 24~25

~Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

Dec 1

~PTA General Meeting 6:30

Dec 5

~Pacific Science Center
Assembly - *Physics on Wheels*

Dec 6

~PSC/Science on Wheels Van

~PTA Board Meeting 7:00

Dec 14

~Monday Morning Monthly
Meeting 9:30 (2nd grade hosts)

Dec 16 ~Early Dismissal 2:00

Dec 19~Jan 2

~No School ~ Winter Break

JANUARY

Jan 3

~PTA Board Meeting 7:00

Jan 9

~Monday Morning Monthly
Meeting 9:30/Martin Luther King
Assembly

Jan 16

~No School ~ Martin Luther King

Jan 19

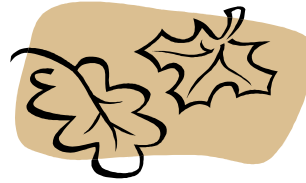
~PTA General Meeting 6:30

Jan 26

~Winter Concert, 1:30

Primary 6:00

Intermediate 7:00 Bake Sale!



A great big **"THANK YOU"** to all those who helped with the Fall
Clean up.

(Sorry for any names we forgot to mention)

Tim Bosworth

Christy Collins

Cindy Van Gaver

Rob, Gail, Laurel, Jamie Glatzmayer

Fernando Ruiz & Joanna Gromadzka

Carol & Jenna Harrold

Bob & Meri Patton

Mary & Michael Perry

Joe Ragghinati

Rosslyn, Robn & Loren Shea

David Wilkie

Max, Lucy, Mike & Krista Zuber



THANK YOU FRIENDS OF



ARBOR HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY!

Thank you to our parent and staff volunteers!

*Thanks to these local businesses who graciously donated food or goods for our
Spaghetti Dinner!*



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